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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Congressional Affairs
Comptroller,
FROM: [redacted] Legislation Division
Office of Congressional Affairs
SUBJECT: Drug Czar Legislation - Conversation
With SSCI Staff

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1. On 19 September 1988, Britt Snider of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) called concerning the Senate bipartisan draft drug bill.

2. He indicated that Senate leadership staff had rejected the "compromise" language on Director of Central Intelligence budget authorities vis-a-vis the new "drug czar" which the SSCI had proposed after our discussions. The staff concluded the concern did not merit being addressed in the statute but, instead, could be handled in report language. The staff did indicate, however, they would accept the report language in the area that the SSCI had proposed.

3. This action appears to have no effect on the DCI information-protection provision which we understand continues to be included in the draft.

4. We are told that the final bill will be introduced any day now along with an explanatory statement serving in lieu of a report.

5. Last week, the House passed the "medium strength" Brooks "drug czar." That proposal, of course, has no protection for DCI equities in either the information or budget areas.

6. I suggest we meet at the earliest convenience to decide how to proceed.

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